

Teaching and Learning News [July 2009, No. 6]

Curriculum Proposal Moves Forward

The Teaching and Learning Committee presented a curriculum proposal to the Libraries Executive Committee and also to Libraries Faculty at the April faculty meeting and were encouraged by responses from both groups. The proposal asks for:

- Creation of a new course designator (Book 3) listing in the Master Schedule for use by University Libraries. The designator is: **Information Studies**.
- State instructional subsidy funds for Information Studies courses to revert to the Libraries for support of our instructional efforts.

This proposal was submitted to Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) and the Office of Academic Affairs in May 2009. Response from university administration has also been positive and we are awaiting formal action from CAA at this time.

The Teaching & Learning Committee will act as the curriculum committee for the Libraries, working with the established curricular approval structure in Arts & Sciences. This fall the Committee will be finalizing procedures for new course approval within the Libraries and will also plan professional development resources and activities to support course developers.

Information Studies courses should support one or more of the following curricular goals:

- Understand and apply research methods to investigate questions related to the major area of study and interdisciplinary questions.
- Understand the economic, social, legal, political, and strategic value, and the ethical use of, information.
- Learn and apply critical thinking skills related to developing effective search strategies and evaluation of information resources.
- Learn about special collections and archives, the history and culture of the book and other media, access tools, and management issues.
- Learn effective strategies for knowledge management.

Quick Facts – Spring 2009

Librarian [Course Enhancement Grant](#) participants:

ENGLISH 264	Jenny Robb
HISTORY 597	Betsy Blankenship (Marion)
MEDIEVAL 610	Eric Johnson
PHARM 709	Natalie Kupferberg/Abigail Jones

Librarian instructors for [online courses](#):

ARTS&SCI 120D	Trisha Davis
ARTS&SCI 120D	Bruce Leach
ARTS&SCI 120D	Anastasia Nurre (GAA)
ARTS&SCI 121D	Danny Dotson
ARTS&SCI 121D	Natalie Kupferberg
ARTS&SCI 122D	Karen Diaz

Librarian instructors for [Freshman Seminars](#):

ARTS&SCI 137.06	Jose Diaz
ARTS&SCI 137.09	Beth Kattelman
ARTS&SCI 138.01	Anne Fields

Librarian instructors, other credit courses:

ARTS&SCI 500	Rai Goerler/Chris Zacher
INT STUDIES 501	Maureen Donovan/Miriam Conteh-Morgan
MEDIEVAL 610	Eric Johnson

Innovative Collaborations

Jane McMaster, Architecture Library:

CRP 724, Introduction to Planning for Sustainable Development

Jane's collaboration with instructor Maria Manta Conroy involved making class presentations on a variety of resources and also being available in both Carmen and [Base Camp](#) (a web-based project management tool) to help the graduate students with any questions that arose. The class is now making their reports and presentations available via the [Knowledge Bank](#), which should be a very useful source of information for future students in this studio class as well as anyone in these communities who want to find out more about the recommendations that the student teams made on a variety of sustainability issues.